

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (cancelled).

34. (new) An information processing system capable of sending electronic contents between a buyer-side apparatus and seller-side apparatus via a network, comprising:

first sending means for sending a software program for evaluating the electronic contents to said seller-side apparatus;

first receiving means for receiving first information sent from said seller-side apparatus, the first information being a result evaluated by said seller-side apparatus by using the evaluating program;

second sending means for sending apparatus the received first information to said buyer-side apparatus;

second receiving means for receiving second information sent from said buyer-side apparatus, the second information containing a data relevant to purchase;

third sending means for sending the received second information to said seller-side apparatus;

third receiving means for receiving the electronic contents sent from said seller-side apparatus in response to the reception of the second information; and

fourth sending means for sending the received electronic contents to said buyer-side apparatus.

35. (new) An information processing system according to claim 34, wherein the received first information has been encrypted.
36. (new) An information processing system according to claim 34, further comprising cryptography key sending means for sending a cryptography key to said seller-side apparatus,
wherein the received electronic contents have been encrypted by using the cryptography key.
37. (new) An information processing method capable of sending electronic contents between a buyer-side apparatus and seller-side apparatus via a network, comprising:
a first sending step of sending a software program for evaluating the electronic contents to said seller-side apparatus;
a first receiving step of receiving first information sent from said seller-side apparatus, the first information being a result evaluated by said seller-side apparatus by using the evaluating program;
a second sending step of sending apparatus the received first information to said buyer-side apparatus;
a second receiving step of receiving second information sent from said buyer-side apparatus, the second information containing a data relevant to purchase;
a third sending step of sending the received second information to said seller-side apparatus;

a third receiving step of receiving the electronic contents sent from said seller-side apparatus in response to the reception of the second information; and

a fourth sending step of sending the received electronic contents to said buyer-side apparatus.

38. (new) An information processing method according to claim 37, wherein the received first information has been encrypted.

39. (new) An information processing method according to claim 37, further comprising cryptography key sending step of sending a cryptography key to said seller-side apparatus,

wherein the received electronic contents have been encrypted by using the cryptography key.

40. (new) An information processing apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a software program for evaluating electronic contents, the software program being sent from the network;

evaluation execution means for evaluating the electronic contents by using the software program;

result sending means for sending a result evaluated by said evaluation execution means to the network; and

contents sending means for sending the electronic contents to the network based on a request of sending of the evaluated electronic contents from the network.

41. (new) An information processing apparatus according to claim 40, further comprising encrypting means for encrypting the evaluated result,
wherein said contents sending means sends the evaluated result encrypted by said encrypting means.
42. (new) An information processing apparatus according to claim 40, further comprising encrypting means for encrypting the electronic contents,
wherein said contents sending means sends the encrypted electronic contents.
43. (new) An information processing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said encrypting means encrypts the electronic contents by using a cryptograph key sent from the network.
44. (new) An information processing apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said evaluation execution means evaluates image quality of the electronic contents by using the software program.
45. (new) An information processing method of controlling an information processing apparatus connected to a network, said method comprising:
a receiving step of receiving a software program for evaluating electronic contents, the software program being sent from the network;

an evaluation execution step of evaluating the electronic contents by using the software program;

a result sending step of sending a result evaluated in said evaluation execution step to the network; and

a contents sending step of sending the electronic contents to the network based on a request of sending of the evaluated electronic contents from the network.

46. (new) An information processing method according to claim 45, further comprising encrypting step of encrypting the evaluated result,

wherein said contents sending step sends the evaluated result encrypted in said encrypting step.

47. (new) An information processing method according to claim 45, further comprising encrypting step of encrypting the electronic contents,

wherein said contents sending step sends the encrypted electronic contents.

48. (new) An information processing method according to claim 47, wherein said encrypting step encrypts the electronic contents by using a cryptograph key sent from the network.

49. (new) An information processing method according to claim 45, wherein said evaluation execution step evaluates image quality of the electronic contents by using the software program.

50. (new) A storage medium storing a program executable by a computer, said program being a program for sending electronic contents between a buyer-side apparatus and seller-side apparatus via a network and comprising:

a first sending step of sending a software program for evaluating the electronic contents to said seller-side apparatus;

a first receiving step of receiving first information sent from said seller-side apparatus, the first information being a result evaluated by said seller-side apparatus by using the evaluating program;

a second sending step of sending apparatus the received first information to said buyer-side apparatus;

a second receiving step of receiving second information sent from said buyer-side apparatus, the second information containing a data relevant to purchase;

a third sending step. of sending the received second information to said seller-side apparatus;

a third receiving step of receiving the electronic contents sent from said seller-side apparatus in response to the reception of the second information; and

a fourth sending step of sending the received electronic contents to said buyer-side apparatus.

51. (new) A storage medium storing a program executable by a computer, said program being a program for controlling an information processing apparatus connected to a network and comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a software program for evaluating electronic contents, the software program being sent from the network;

an evaluation execution step of evaluating the electronic contents by using the software program;

a result sending step of sending a result evaluated in said evaluation execution step to the network; and

a contents sending step of sending the electronic contents to the network based on a request of sending of the evaluated electronic contents from the network.--